

# Shelby County Board of Commissioners Application For Appointment to Elected Office

## Applicant

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Last Name	Gillespie
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State	TN
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Street Number	825
Street Name	North Trezevant
Street Type	Street
Apt #	<i>Field not completed.</i>
City	Memphis
State	TN
Zip	38108
Home Phone	901-281-0405
Cellular Phone	901-281-0405

## Professional Background & Experience

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1. Indicate your Present Employment. What is the Principal business of the business?
- Vitalant - Mid-South Regional Blood Bank
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2. List your prior professional or business employment since completion of high school and lasting more than twelve months with dates and names of employers.
- Community Development Director - Mid-South Transplant Foundation 2001 - 2016 Various Positions - FedEx Express 1985 - 2012 Founder/Executive Director - Youth Growing Up Experiencing Spiritual Success (Y-G.U.E.S.S.) Initiative/Pearly Gate Baptist Church 1991 - 1996 Director of Volunteer Services - Free The Children 1989 - 1991 Account Executive - Deluxe Check Printers 1985 - 1989
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3. Describe any experience not stated above that you would like to bring to the attention of the Commission.
- Founder/Chairman - Memphis Central Distinguish Alumni Gala (Event proceeds benefit the school's performing arts department)

## Personal Information

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4. How long have you lived continuously in Shelby County?
- 57 years
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5. State the county in which you are registered to vote.
- Shelby
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6. List all states in which you have lived in the past 20 years and the dates you lived in each state, including all periods in which you resided in a state more than 50% of the time for a period of at least 12 months.
- Tennessee - 1962 to date
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7. State your age, date and place of birth.
- 57, 01/13/1962 Memphis, TN
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8. a) Drivers License No.
- 052495113

b) Election Commission      3312893  
Voter Registration No.

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**9. Family Status**

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a) State the full name and      N/A  
present address of your  
spouse.

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b) State your spouse's      N/A  
occupation and place of  
employment.

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c) If you have children,  
state their name(s),  
age(s), address(es) and  
present occupation(s).

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**10. Military Service**

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a) Branch of Service      N/A

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b) Service Number      N/A

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c) Dates of active duty      N/A

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d) Rank/rate at separation      N/A

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e) Decorations, honors, or      N/A  
achievements

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f) Was your discharge      N/A  
other than honorable? If  
so, explain.

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11. a) Have you ever pled  
guilty or been convicted  
or are you now on  
diversion for violation of  
any law, regulation or  
ordinance?

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12. To your knowledge,      No  
are you now under  
federal, state or local  
investigation for possible

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violation of a criminal statute? If so, give details.

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13. Have you ever been interviewed by any federal, state or local law enforcement agency for any reason other than minor traffic violation? If so, give details.

No

14. If you have been disciplined or cited for breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct by a court, administrative agency, disciplinary committee, or other professional group, give details.

No

15. Has within the last five years, has a tax lien or other collection procedure been instituted against you by federal, state or local authorities or creditors? If so, give details.

No

16. a) Are you currently a party in any legal proceedings?

No

17. a) Are you now an officer or director of any business organization, or are you otherwise engaged in the management of any business enterprise?

No

c) Do you consider continuation of such

N/A

business involvement to  
be a conflict of interest?

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18. If your income is not wholly derived from your present employment as noted in #1 above, specify in detail the other sources of your income and the approximate percentage of your total income each source represents.

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19. List all organizations to which you have belonged within the last ten years, including professional associations, civic, charitable, religious, educational, social and fraternal organizations. Give the titles and dates of any offices which you have held in such organizations.

N/A

Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) - Member, Association of Multicultural Affairs in Transplantation (AMAT) - National Chairman of African American Workgroup 2012 - 2014), Sales and Marketing Society (SMS), National Civil Rights Museum/Memphis City Government - MLK50 Advisory Committee, Memphis City Government - Bicentennial Social Media Committee, Memphis Beat The Odds Foundation – Mentor/Planning Committee, Hattiloo Theatre - Executive Board of Directors 2011 - 2015, City of Memphis Mayor's Multicultural Coalition, Shelby County Health Department - Immunization Committee (Chairman Faith-based Outreach 2008 to 2014), Hope House -Development Committee, American Liver Foundation - Executive Board of Directors (Chairman of Public Relations Committee 2005 to 2009), UT/Omega Ministries' Annual Back To School Family Affair - (Chairman of Public Relations 2002 to Date), Church Health Annual Men's Conference - (Chairman of Public Relations 2009 to 2016), Team Mid-South - (Founder/Team Captain 2014 - 2016), United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) -Minority Affairs Committee (Regional Representative 2007 -2009), Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church

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20. a) Have you within the past ten years belonged to any organization, association, club or society which limits its membership to those of any particular race, religion or gender? Do not include in your answer those

N/A

organizations specifically formed for a religious purpose, such as churches or synagogues.

b) If so, list such organizations and describe the basis of the membership limitation.

N/A

c) If it is not your intention to resign from such organization(s) and withdraw from any participation in their activities should you be selected for the position for which you are applying, state your reasons.

N/A

## **Education**

21. List each college, law school, and other graduate school which you have attended, including dates of attendance, degree awarded and major.

Western Governors University - 2017 to 2018 (BS Marketing Management - pending completion) Saint Louis College of Pharmacy - 1984 to 1985 University of Memphis - 1983 to 1984 Howard University - 1980 to 1982

## **Achievements**

22. List honors, prizes, awards, or other forms of recognition which you have received since your graduation or college which are directly related to professional accomplishments.

PRSA - VOX Award (Recipient of 6), PRSA - Gold Award (Recipient of 2), Director's Guild of America - Donate Life Hollywood Film Festival (2nd Place Winner), Church Health - Servant Leader Award, Shelby County Board of Commissioners - Certificate of Appreciation, U.S. Congress - Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition, United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) - Appointed National Representative of Region 11 (a 5 state region), Businesses United to Recognize Educators (BURE) Association - Jimmy D. Williams Outstanding Friends of Education Award, FedEx - Bravo Zulu Award (recipient of 5).

23. List presentations you have made to groups and organizations within the past five years.

Tennessee Black Caucus - Minority Health Disparities in TN, U.S. Transplant Games of America (TGA) - Keynote Speaker (Let the Record Show a tribute to organ donor families, Association for Multicultural Affairs in Transplantation (AMAT) - Building and Embracing Community and Professional Partnerships and Relationships (Innovation in reaching the Faith-based community), Westberg/Faith Community Nursing Conference - S.A.V.E.D.

24. List any public office you have held or for which you have been candidate or applicant. Include the date, the position, and whether the position was elective or appointive.

Candidate - City Council District 7 (2011)

25. Describe any experience you have had with legislative or executive branches of government other than as an elected or appointed official.

I've been privileged to present and discuss community issues, in Nashville, with the TN Black Caucus. My former employer, Mid-South Transplant Foundation, was engaged in a very public organ allocation issue with Methodist Hospital, I stated the organization's case before the Memphis City Council. I also presented the organization's stance, while engaged in a live television debate with a county commissioner. Additionally I've had an opportunity to directly present a youth development program to former County Mayor Mark Luttrell, and was successful in gaining his support.

26. Describe life experiences, personal involvements, or talents that you have that you feel will be of assistance to the Commission in evaluating and understanding your candidacy for this elected position. (150 words or less).

I've lived most of my life within this district, and I know and love this community. I'm a product of the first students to enter and complete the Optional School Program. I was instrumental in developing the youth component of the county's former Free the Children program. After ending my tenure there, I took a leave from my professional career so that I could devote my time to developing a very successful youth program for the children within this district. There were 126 "at risk" teens in my program, and many of them are productive and successful adults today. I know that our communities will only survive when our children know they have the tools to thrive. I'm yet finding creative ways to engage, motivate and educate our students. My dedication, experiences and career have equipped me with the skills and tools to be a tremendous asset to this board! .

27. Read, and if you agree to the provisions, sign the following:

I have read the foregoing questions and have answered them in good faith and as completely as my records and recollections permit. I hereby agree to be considered for appointment to the office of

, and if appointed by the Shelby County Board of Commissioners, agree to serve that office.

In the event any material changes occur between the time this application is filed and the public hearing, I hereby agree to file an amended application with the Board of Commissioners for distribution to the commission members.

I understand that the information provided in this application shall be open to inspection upon filing with the office of the Shelby County Board of Commissioners and that the Commission may publicize the names of persons who apply for appointment and the names of those persons the Commission considers for the vacancy in question.

Printed Name Erskine B. Gillespie

Date \* 2/4/2019

## **Authorization for Release of Information**

I, Erskine Gillespie

, do hereby authorize the Shelby County Sheriff and/or the Shelby County Attorney and any and all agents or persons authorized by it, to conduct a full review and disclosure of all records concerning myself, whether said records are public, private, or confidential in nature. The intent of this authorization is to give my consent for full and complete disclosure of records of all criminal charges, with the exception of minor traffic offenses, whether disposed of or pending, and any outstanding warrants in accordance with Rule 34 or the Shelby County Board of Commissioners' Permanent Rules of Order.

I also certify that any persons who may furnish such information concerning me shall not be held accountable for giving this information, and I do hereby release said persons from any and all liability which may be incurred as a result of furnishing such information. I further specifically release the Shelby County Sheriff and/or the Shelby County Attorney and/or the Shelby County Board of

Commissioners from any and all liability which might otherwise be incurred as a result of collecting or receiving such information.

I have read and fully understand the contents of this Authorization for Release of Information.

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Print Full Name of  
Applicant (include  
maiden)

Erskine B. Gillespie

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Address                    825 N. Trezevant St. Memphis, TN 38108

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Phone                    9012810405

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Date of Birth \*            1/13/1962

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Drivers License #            052495113

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Date \*                    2/4/2019